

ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE FAST FACTS

Program Information

• Total Children Served: 25,476

• Total Agencies: 275

School Districts: 133

• Educational Cooperatives: 13

• Private Providers: 129

Program Model

• Center: 86%

• Home Visiting: 14%

• Total Sites: 560

• Total Classrooms: 1,250

• Full day: 178 days, 7 hours/day

• Center Funding Per Child:

• State: \$4,860 (60%)

• Local Match: \$3,240 (40%)

Home Visiting Funding Per Child:

• State: \$1,750 (60%)

• Local Match: \$1,167 (40%)

Teacher Qualifications

• Doctorate: 1%

• Master's Degree: 15%

• Bachelor's Degree: 73%

Associate's Degree: 9%

• CDA: 2%

Classroom Quality

Trained consultants conduct unannounced visits to administer the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale (ECERS.) An overall score of 5.0 designates high-quality. Average ECERS scores for 2011-2012 follow:

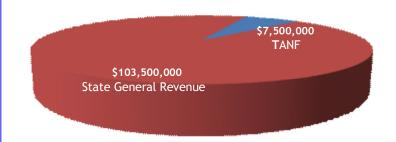
Subscale	Score
Space and Furnishing	5.07
Personal Care Routines	3.53
Language-Reasoning	5.69
Activities	5.72
Interaction	5.57
Program Structure	5.65
Parents and Staff	6.23
Overall	5.33

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The National Institute of Early Education Research has ranked Arkansas in *The State of Pre-K 2011 Yearbook*:

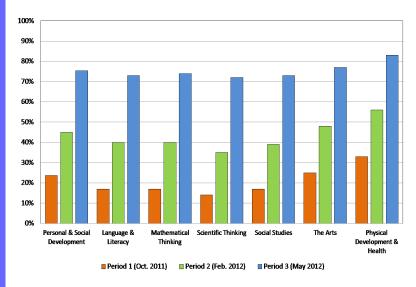
- 4th in the nation for access to 3-year-olds
- 10th in the nation for access to 4-year-olds
- 9 out of 10 quality benchmarks

Funding Sources



Child Assessment Data

Children Scoring Proficient



- All ABC children are assessed three times per program year using the Work Sampling System.
- ABC children are required to have health and developmental screening annually.
- 3,059 ABC children received special education services.